

become greatly confirmed. On this ground the recent November Star-shower was carefully and successfully observed at Greenwich, by the direction of the Astronomer Royal, and at all the principal observatories.

Doubts have arisen regarding the hitherto presumed period and the circular form of the orbit of the great November congeries of meteors, arising from the fact, that the motion of its node does not appear to conform to the hypothesis of a circular orbit of 354 days, so ably advocated by Professor Newton. It is to be hoped that this interesting question will soon receive further elucidation.

Attention has already been called in another part of this report to the probability that Comet II., 1862, may after all be one of the larger of the August meteors. A question also arises whether the November congeries may not sometimes be visible, if sought for, in our larger telescopes. Doubtless now that the attention of competent astronomers is drawn to these subjects, much additional and trustworthy information regarding these cosmical substances will be gradually accumulated.

Information has just reached this country regarding a meteoric shower observed at noon-day on 1866, October 25, at Fremantle, West Australia.

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